2. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising communication preventing means for enabling the system users to prevent the target system users from establishing communications with the system users.

3. (Amended) The system of claim 2, further comprising urgent communication request means for enabling the one or more target system users to override the communication preventing means and to send an urgent communication request.

4. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising preference presentation means for presenting the system users preference for receiving communications.

5. (Amended) The system of claim 4, further comprising communication options presenting means for presenting communication options to system users in an order preferred by the corresponding target system users.

6. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising conference communication means for enabling the system users to establish conference communications.

7. (Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the conference communication means enable the system users to share at least one application.

8. (Amended) A method for enabling system users to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within at least one electronic document, the method comprising the steps of:

presenting one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with the one or more target system users;

providing a status indication of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

selecting at least one communication mode from the plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

providing a communication link to the one or more target system users associated with the one or more user indicators.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of establishing communication between the system users and the one or more target system users upon selection of user indicators and activating the at least one communication mode associated with the selected user indicators.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of enabling the system users to prevent the one or more target system users from establishing communication with the system users based on the system users request for privacy.

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of establishing an urgent communication request that overrides the system users request for privacy.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of presenting one or more communication option preferences that correspond to the system users preference for receiving communications.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of establishing communication comprises establishing a conference communication.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of establishing conference communication comprises sharing at least one application among system users.

15. (Amended) A system for enabling system users to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within at least one electronic document, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target system users;

a status indication module that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module that enables the system users to select at least one

communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status indication;

and

a communication module that enables the system users to activate at least one

communication mode associated with presented user indicators.

16. (Amended) The system of claim 15, further comprising a communication preventing

module that enables the system users to prevent the target system users from establishing

communications with the system users.

17. (Amended) The system of claim 16, further comprising an urgent communication

request module that enables the one or more target system users to override the communication

preventing module and to send an urgent communication request.

18. (Amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising a communication options

preference presentation module that presents the system users preference for receiving

communications.

19. (Amended) The system of claim 18, further comprising a communication options

presenting module that presents communication options to system users in an order preferred by

the corresponding target system users.

20. (Amended) The system of claim 19, further comprising a conference communication module that enables the system users to establish conference communications.

21. (Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the conference communication module enables the system users to share at least one application.

22. (Amended) A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling at least one system user to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within at least one electronic document, the medium comprising:

user indicator identifying processor readable code that causes a processor to identify the one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document;

status indication processor readable code that causes the processor to determine a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

communication selection processor readable code that causes the processor to select at least one communication mode from the plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

communication link providing processor readable code that causes the processor to provide at least one communication link to one or more communication options associated with the one or more user indicators.

23. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising communication establishing processor readable code that causes the processor to establish communication between the system users and the one or more target system users upon selection of user indicators and activating the at least one communication mode associated with the selected user indicators.

24. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising communication preventing processor readable code that causes the processor to prevent the one or more target system users from establishing a communication with system users.

25. (Amended) The medium of claim 24, further comprising urgent communication requesting processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more target system users to send an urgent communication request.

26. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising communication preference identifying processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more system users to identify a preference for receiving at least one communication.

27. (Amended) The medium of claim 26, further comprising communication preference ordering processor readable code that causes the processor to present the at least one communication mode in an order preferred by the at least one system user.

28. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising conference communication establishing processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more system users to establish conference communications.

29. (Amended) The medium of claim 28, wherein the conference communication establishing code causes the processor to enable the one or more system users to share at least one application.

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30. (New) A system for enabling system users to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within at least one electronic document, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target system users;

a status indication module associated with a first system application that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module associated with a second system application that enables the system users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status indication, wherein the first system application and the second system application are different system applications; and

a communication module that enables the system users to activate at least one communication mode associated with presented user indicators.

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31. (New) A system for enabling system users to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being associated with a user indicator that is presented within at least one non-HTML application, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links within the at least one non-HTML application, wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target system users;

a status indication module that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module that enables the system users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

a communication module that enables the system users to activate at least one communication mode associated with presented user indicators.

32. (New) A communication system, comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links within at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with one or more target system users, wherein the one or more target system users comprises all system users capable of accessing the communication system;

a status indication module associated with a first system application that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module associated with a second system application that

enables system users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of

communication modes based on the status indication, wherein the first system application and the

second system application are different system applications; and

a communication module that enables the system users to activate at least one

communication mode associated with presented user indicators.

33. (New) A communication system, comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links

within at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with one or

more target system users, wherein the one or more target system users comprises all system users

capable of accessing the communication system;

a status indication module that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes

associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module that enables system users to select at least one

communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status indication;

and

a communication module that enables the system users to activate at least one

communication mode associated with presented user indicators.